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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on January 16, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 42, 1/5/2017

Executive Action: SB 15: Do Pass
SB 24: Do Pass
SB 46: Do Pass

Presentation by Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks:

00:01:44 Chair Vincent

00:02:00 Randy Arnold, regional supervisor, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

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[EXHIBIT\(nas11a02\)](#)

00:16:58 Sen. Barrett

00:17:23 Mr. Arnold, FWP

00:18:21 Sen. Barrett

00:18:59 Mr. Arnold

00:19:28 Sen. Barrett

00:19:43 Mr. Arnold

00:19:50 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:20:34 Mr. Arnold

00:21:34 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:21:50 Mr. Arnold

00:22:17 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:22:27 Mr. Arnold

00:23:04 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:23:17 Mr. Arnold

00:24:05 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:24:32 Mr. Arnold

00:25:28 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:25:39 Mr. Arnold

00:26:28 Chair Vincent

HEARING ON SB 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:17 Sen. Dick Barrett (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 42, Revise the major facility siting act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:46 Kristi Ponzio, Public Policy director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:37:30 Alan Olson, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association

00:39:09 Niles Hushka, co-chair, Energy and Utilities Key Industry Network (KIN)

00:42:01 Darryl James, Enbridge Energy (EE)

00:43:44 Jeff Fox, Montana policy analyst, Renewable Northwest Project

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:45 Gary Wiens, assistant general manager, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association

00:45:44 Adam Haight, political organizer, Northern Plains Resource Council

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00:48:19 Amy Seaman, Conservation Program manager, Montana Audubon

00:50:29 Nadine Nadow, legislative assistant, Montana Environmental Information Center

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:59 Sen. Connell

00:53:27 Tom Livers, director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:54:44 Ms. Ponozzo , DEQ

00:55:08 Sen. Connell

00:55:27 Ms. Ponozzo

00:55:42 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:56:25 Ms. Ponozzo

00:57:21 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:58:07 Ms. Ponozzo

00:58:45 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:59:33 Ms. Ponozzo

00:59:51 Sen. Pomnichowski

01:00:10 Ms. Ponozzo

01:00:50 Chair Vincent

01:01:51 Mr. James, EE

01:03:33 Chair Vincent

01:03:42 Mr. James

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:08 Sen. Barrett

01:05:18 Recess

01:12:26 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 15

01:12:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 15 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Fielder voted by proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 24

01:13:38 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SB 24 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:13:44 Chair Vincent

01:14:00 Sen. Welborn

01:14:28 Sen. Vincent

01:14:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Fielder voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 46

01:15:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen Cohenour moved that **SB 46 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Fielder voted by proxy

Committee Business:

01:15:54 Chair Vincent

01:16:29 Sen. Connell

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:18 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas11aad.pdf](#))